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Dear Friends:

As this year comes to end, I hope you and your family had a happy and safe Holiday Season.

I want to thank the good citizens of Ward 5 and our Great City for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Ward 5 Council Member, continuing the work on the Renaissance of Ward 5 and the South side.

It has been a pleasure serving with my colleagues on the Council. I want to express my thanks to our Mayor, Jonathan Rothschild for his service to our community and his tenure as Tucson's Mayor. With his leadership, Tucson made great economic strides and I thank him for his service leading our City.

I also want to thank my colleague, Shirley Scott, who announced she won't be seeking another term on the Council. Shirley Scott has worked hard for the residents of Ward 4, bringing opportunities to her constituents, helping young people and families out with her annual Back to School Bash's that provided school supplies to students. In 2019, the Amazon Distribution Center will be completed that will be a great ending to her great career.

This past year I have also enjoyed working with and watching the neighborhoods and businesses in Ward 5 and the City of Tucson continue to grow and thrive. The work continues to bring Tucson through the dark economic tunnel that we've been in since the Great Recession.

One of the highlights was the Barrio San Antonio Neighborhood Association and the Miles Neighborhood Association working with the owners of the Welcome Diner on the Broadway Volvo property to come up with a plan to develop the site. When everyone comes to the table to work together, Ward 5 and our city succeeds!

When I was sworn into office in 2009, I got the message voters sent in terms of what was needed: economic development, creating jobs and putting food on their tables. During my time as your Ward 5 Councilmember, more than 9,000 jobs have been created in Ward 5 and the Southside.

This past year, Ward 5 has seen the expansion of Raytheon's facilities (1,975 jobs), the opening of the Chamberlain Group Manufacturing Plant (385 jobs), the construction of the El Rio Health Center on Cherrybell (120 jobs), Discount Tire (50 jobs), NextCare Urgent Care (24 jobs) and the construction of the new GEICO regional office at the Bridges (2,800 total jobs).



In addition, Ward 5 saw the opening of Islas Market and the American Eats, showing that the South side has the best food and restaurants in our city. This is just part of the continuing Renaissance of Ward 5 and the South side.

Over the past few years, Ward 5 has seen the most in commercial and residential annexations in the City of Tucson. The Tucson International Airport became the latest part of Ward 5 and the City of Tucson this year with its annexation.

Proposition 101, the Roads, Police and Fire program continues, repairing our roads and getting police and fire the equipment and facilities needed. Ward 5 and the good citizens of Tucson approved Proposition 407, the Parks Bond Measure and in 2020, improvements to park facilities across our city will begin.

This year saw the City spending more of its funds for goods and services through the Procurement Card (P-Card) program. For more than seven years, I have brought this forward to the Mayor and Council to update them on this effort, which saves taxpayer dollars. For the first time in 2018, the City's P-Card program received a \$1-million dollar rebate back on the P-Card Program. The City gets money back when the use the P-Card to pay for goods and services and saves on transaction costs. The rebate check was for \$1,160,420.64. Using the P-Card, the City saves \$77 in transaction costs on each charge. The City had over 70,000 transactions for the past fiscal year, a savings of \$5,390,000. Adding the rebate received, it was a benefit of more than \$6.5 million dollars.

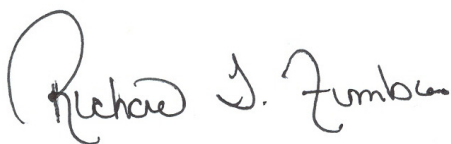
This past year in Ward 5, saw the great work of Los Amigos School and the Safe Walk to Schools Program, the Metropolitan Education Commission moving into the Santa Rosa Recreation Center, the opening of the Inter-faith Community Services offices at El Pueblo and the success of the Tucson Homeless Work Program, which has had more than 550 participants, cleaning 174,000 pound of trash from 122 sites, with 40% of the participants getting into housing. The Tucson Homeless Work Program was honored by the Metropolitan Pima Alliance, the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) and the Arizona Chapter of NAHRO.

I want to thank my staff, Mark Kerr, my Chief of Staff, Lupita Robles, Mary Kuchar and Joshua Ashton for their work and commitment. I have a great team at Ward 5 and am glad they are there to help me. I also want to thank Matt Pate and Cassius Chandler who had worked at the Ward 5 office for their efforts.

I also want to thank the Mayor and Council and the City Manager and staff for their work to help make Tucson a better place to live, work and raise a family.

I want to thank you all again and hope you and your family have a great 2019.

Thank you.



Richard Fimbres
Vice Mayor - City of Tucson Ward 5

Ward 5 Year in Review

In January, Ward 5 became a rainwater harvesting demonstration site with a new 2,800-gallon cistern designed and installed by Dryland Design.

The native fruit trees have been donated by Trees for Tucson. In addition, Dryland Design is creating earthworks projects as demonstration sites to show residents the benefits of water harvesting through moving earth on one's property.



The four trees are in honor of the current and former Ward 5 Council Members: Rudy Castro (1973- 1977), Roy Laos (1977-1989), Steve Leal (1989-2009), and Richard Fimbres (2009-current).

Also, SERI, who has been holding water harvesting workshops at Ward 5 and the Southside, is coordinating with Dryland Design for passive water harvesting systems at the Ward 5 Council office. A passive system involves moving dirt and earth and adding rocks so that a house can also harvest rainwater and use on their plants, trees and yards.



A chemistry teacher at Desert View High School, Jonathan Cadena, received the surprise of his life when he presented with the prestigious, Milken Educator Award by Lowell Milken, Chairman of the Milken Family Foundation on Thursday, January 18.

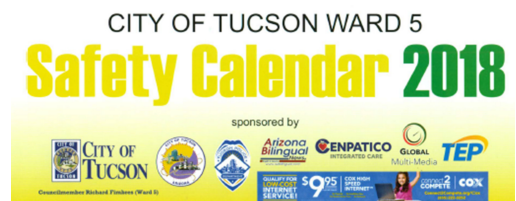
What makes this award even more memorable is the element of surprise. Winners are announced at surprise assemblies, such as the one hosted at Desert View High School. This is the first time a teacher in the Sunnyside Unified School District receives the award, which carries with it a cash award of \$25,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C. to attend the Milken Educator Forum. Mr. Cadena is the only Milken Educator Award winner from Arizona this year and is one of the 44 honorees for 2017-18. The Milken Foundation, a California non-profit whose mission is to promote excellence in education by honoring top educators around the country. Congratulations Mr. Cadena and for your work with your students.



At the February 6, Mayor and Council meeting, I had the privilege of presenting the winners of the Ward 5 Safety Calendar. Students from various schools took part in creating the artwork for the 12 month calendar.

2018 Safety Calendar Winners:

January - Samantha Soto, McCorkle Academy – 7th Grade
 February - Sabina Mendias, McCorkle Academy – 7th Grade
 March - Lucia Pineda, McCorkle Academy – 7th Grade
 April - Angela Celaya, Apollo Middle School – 7th Grade
 May - Neema Karumba, Vail Academy – 5th Grade
 June - Emily Gunnells, Santa Cruz Catholic School – 7th Grade
 July - Alia Riesgo, McCorkle Academy – 7th Grade
 August - Sarai Juarez, Apollo Middle School – 7th Grade
 September - Mariana Bautista, Apollo Middle School – 7th Grade



October - Joey Montañño, McCorkle Academy – 8th Grade
 November - Danielle Trujillo, Apollo Middle School – 7th Grade
 December - Jorge Feria, McCorkle Academy – 7th Grade
 Front Cover - Jasmine Patton, Apollo Middle School – 8th Grade
 Back Cover - Aria Cavazos - McCorkle Academy – 7th Grade,
 and Anthony Fernandez, McCorkle Academy – 6th Grade



My office has been working with neighborhood schools on the Safety Calendars for the last several years. I can say without a doubt that this has been one of the most successful years in terms of the quality of artwork submitted, teacher/student participation and family support. I want to specifically thank my Staff member Lupita Robles who coordinated the project and did an excellent job making sure the students, teachers and parents all had a positive experience.

February was Love of Reading Month at schools across our City. My staff and I took part in Love of Reading, reading books to school children. I want to thank Lynn Urquides Elementary, McCorkle, La Paloma Academy and Pueblo Gardens Elementary for giving me the opportunity to read to their classes and stress the importance of reading and learning. I am working with schools in my Love of Reading Challenge, where a student reads one book a month during a semester and is verified by their teacher, my office will get them a Ward 5 Certificate of Appreciation for their reading efforts. Education is the key to success.



On Saturday, March 17, Councilmember Shirley Scott and I represented the City of Tucson at the 31st Annual Tucson St. Patrick's Day Parade. Mayor "Temo" Galindo of Nogales, Sonora Mexico, Mayor John Doyle of Nogales, Arizona and Mayor Tom Murphy of Sahuarita took part. Thousands of Tucsonans turned out downtown to mark St. Patrick's Day. Councilmember Scott and I want to thank the parade and festival committee for their work and for another successful celebration.



It was seven years ago, April 14, 2011, the ribbon was cut on the Costco located at the Tucson Marketplace at the Bridges. On the day of their opening, 733 people signed up as members of Costco. The Costco store at the Bridges had \$741,000 in sales on their first day, setting a new first day record for them.

This Costco initially created 150 new jobs but has expanded its workforce to 250 since. The Costco at the Bridges was one of the first pieces of the Renaissance of Ward 5 and the South side.

Six years later in April, Ward 5 and the community celebrated the ribbon cutting of the first Dave and Buster's, located at the Bridges. More than 230 jobs were created with the opening of the Dave & Buster's at the Bridges. Costco and Dave & Buster's have been joined by Wal-Mart, CenturyMark 14 Theater, Lin's Grand Buffet, Starbucks, Popeye's, NextCare, Jimmy Johns, Discount Tires, Sprint, AT&T, Verizon, McDonald's, Culver's, Sport Clips, Planet Fitness and King Smoothie, naming several of the many businesses that have opened up at the Bridges, creating more than 1,200 jobs alone.

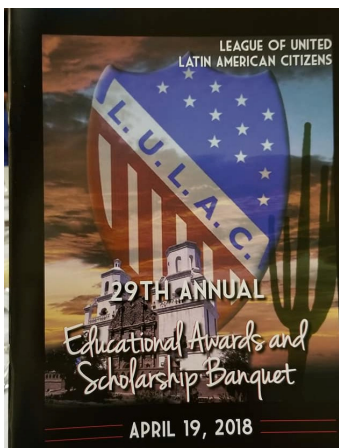
I want to again thank the four neighborhoods: South Park, Las Vistas, Western Hills and Pueblo Gardens for their work on the Bridges. I also want to thank Eric Davis of Retail West for his work on the Bridges. The Bridges is five minutes from downtown, five minutes from the U of A and four minutes from the airport. It is a key to our city's success.

Curacao, Quik-Trip, Bruker Nano, VXi Tucson, Alorica, Goodwill Industries, located in Ward 5, naming several of many, opened their doors or expanded their businesses. Raytheon announced their expansion, adding 1,975 jobs and HomeGoods Distribution Center opened, adding 1,100 jobs.

More than 9,000 jobs have been created in Ward 5 during my time which is more than any other Ward in the City. As opposed to developments in the downtown, which have relied on GPLET agreements, the developments in Ward 5 have not.

This means the sales tax and other revenues to the City are immediate. The most economic growth over the past seven years has come from Ward 5 and the Southside. For everything that has been done at the Bridges, it has taken work and compromise.

When I first took office, the neighbors and developers came to me to ask to work to amend the development agreement, which has resulted in the businesses and opportunity for Ward 5 and the South side, starting with the Costco, the first store and first part of the Renaissance of Ward 5. Ward 5 is Tucson's "economic hub."



More than 500 people attended the 29th Annual LULAC Educational Award's and Scholarship Banquet, held April 19 at the DoubleTree Hotel. Thanks to the efforts of volunteers and support from individuals, businesses and organizations, the 29th Annual LULAC Educational Scholarship Banquet was a success.

Receiving the LULAC Presidential Citation Award were: Dominique Calza, Program Coordinator, Mexican American Student Services, TUSD, Regina Navin Suitt, Vice President for Adult Basic Education at Pima Community College, Bruce Burke, attorney and community activist, Karin Uhlich, former Tucson Councilmember, Director of Housing Administration with Cenpatico Integrated Care, Founder - Center for Economic Integrity, and Francisco Romero, Spanish language broadcaster for the University of Arizona sports teams and the 2017 World Champion Houston Astros baseball club.

Receiving the Soldado de Cuero Lifetime Achievement Award were: George Steele, Vice President of the Marshall Foundation, Martha Fimbres, Clinical Social Worker, and Dr. Nelba Chavez, former administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

These individuals were honored for their work and commitment to bettering the lives of youth and our community. Those in attendance received an update about the LULAC/SAIL Youth Leadership Conference, held April 6 at Pima Community College West Campus, which 1,300 students, grades 9-12, from schools across Tucson and Southern Arizona, took part. More than 125,000 students have taken part in the Youth Leadership Conference since its inception in 1988. Congratulations to the Youth Leadership Conference organizing committee for their work and success. The keynote speaker was Jessica Cox, the young lady who was born with no arms and worked to become a licensed pilot.

I want to congratulate the Tucson Roadrunners, our hockey team for making history by winning the Pacific Division and Western Conference in the American Hockey League (AHL) in their second year of existence. Our Tucson Roadrunners are in the 2018 American Hockey League Calder Cup Playoffs. It is history in the making in just two short years. In May of 2016, the Mayor and Council approved a lease for the hockey club to move from Springfield, Massachusetts. The Roadrunners have exceeded attendance expectations.



Interfaith Community Services (ICS) opened new offices at the El Pueblo Neighborhood Center at 101 W Irvington Road in Ward 5.

The new office at the El Pueblo Center is designed to improve access to ICS services as well as volunteer opportunities for neighbors on Tucson's Southside, and is a major step towards the organization's objective to widen access to ICS services throughout the community. The El Pueblo Center office complements existing ICS offices on Tucson's northwest and east-side.

On Wednesday, May 9, I attended the ribbon cutting for Interfaith Community Services new office at the El Pueblo Center, 101 West Irvington Road. The idea for this new office came a meeting I had with Daniel Stoltzfus, ICS CEO.



Since 1985, ICS has helped people in need achieve stable healthy and independent lives. ICS offers compassionate support by connecting more than 850 volunteers, 100 diverse faith community partners and caring donors with Pima County's most vulnerable residents. The agency provides a host of wraparound support programs that include food banks, rent/utility assistance to prevent homelessness, case management, financial literacy and job search help for those in distress, as well as programs to enable frail and aging adults to live with independence at home with transportation and mobile meals.

ICS also offers a broad range of community-based health education and outreach programs to support well-being such as: Mental Health First Aid training, End of Life Care workshops, topical Lunch & Learn presentations, and health trainings for congregations. The ICS Care Partners Program facilitates healing at home for individuals being discharged from the hospital through non-medical support services provided by trained volunteers. ICS will offer case management, volunteer orientations, and occasional food distribution and health education at the new El Pueblo Neighborhood Center location.

The new office is open 9 am – 4 pm Tuesday through Friday and on an appointment basis. For more information, go to www.icstucson.org or call (520) 297- 6049.

For the eighth year, several elected officials and organizations joined me Friday, May 25, to go out to the Southern Arizona VA Hospital to present the veterans at the hospital and staff, thank you cards made by students from Tucson and Pima County schools and young people with groups and organizations.

I want to thank the Southern Arizona VA Hospital staff for letting us come out to do this for those who served our country. I want to thank the staff for their commitment to our veterans. I also want to specially thank Theresa Maley with the VA who has worked with us on these tours each time we have done this.



I want to thank State Senator Andrea Dalessandro, Pima County Sheriff Mark Napier, South Tucson Mayor Bob Teso, South Tucson Vice Mayor Herman Lopez, Tucson Ward 3 Councilmember Paul Durham, Jeremy Thompson with Senator Jeff Flake's office and the American Patriot Memorial for joining me to thank those who served this county on this Memorial Day Weekend.

The month of June marked a transition for road repair in the City of Tucson. Proposition 409 that provided \$100 million in funding for road repair and work on arterial and neighborhood streets for the last five years came to an end on June 30. Arterial streets, such as Valencia, Irvington, Tucson Boulevard, 12th Avenue, Ajo Way, 22nd Street and neighborhood streets in Ward 5 were worked on and repaired under Proposition 409.

The work though didn't end on June 30. On July 1, Proposition 101 went into effect. Proposition 101 is the voter approved five year half-cent sales tax for which \$100 million goes to road work and repair of streets in the City of Tucson.



The other monies raised from this temporary sales tax would be spent on vehicles, equipment, and facilities for the Tucson Police Department and Tucson Fire Department.

Proposition 101 mandates that 60% of those funds would go to repair major arterials and 40% to neighborhood streets. The Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee met on Monday, June 25 and has given approval for an equitable funding plan and that the roads will be repaired based upon a worst first in each respective Ward.

For Ward 5 roads to be repaired, your voices need to be heard. Send your comments to cityclerk@tucsonaz.gov, Subject Line: 2012 BOC and put in your suggestions for road work. My office has given suggestions as well and has met with transportation officials, but the more voices that speak out, the more roads will get repaired.

Also Jesse Lugo, my appointee to the Bond Oversight Committee is willing to speak to neighborhood associations and groups about Proposition 101. Please contact the Ward 5 Council Office (520) 791-4231 and we will get you in touch with Jesse.

The Tucson Homeless Work Program received the Award of Merit from the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO). The Tucson Homeless Work Program that I created was nominated by Sally Stang, Director of the City of Tucson Housing and Community Development.

The Homeless Work Program is a collaborative effort between community non-profit organizations, city and county government, and business leaders. The primary goal of the program is to help persons exit homelessness through rapid engagement in daily employment and immediate cash payment for work.



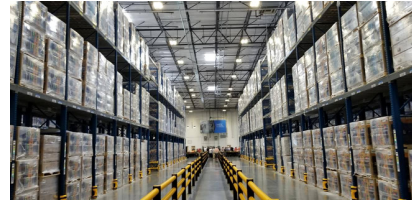
The Homeless Work Program started on December 6, 2016, and as of April 2018, 431 homeless individuals have worked at 130 sites, cleaning 83.5 miles of roadway, and removing 132,000 pounds of trash from the City of Tucson and areas within greater Pima County. Of those who have participated, 40% entered permanent housing, 10% entered behavioral health services, 28% entered employment services and 14% gained long term employment.

I am honored that the Tucson Homeless Work Program has been selected for the NAHRO Award of Merit for its collaboration and innovation, for this unique program. Thanks to collaboration and partnership, this is a successful program that is being looked at to be used in other communities across the country.

The Tucson Homeless Work Program was initially made possible through start up contributions of \$25,000 from the City of Tucson, \$25,000 from Pima County. Humberto Lopez and the H.S. Lopez Family Foundation, gave a \$50,000 match for the Tucson Homeless Work Program. Shortly after the Homeless Work Program's implementation, the Tucson business community stepped forward with additional support, including Cox Communications (\$5,000), Southwest Gas (\$2,500), Tucson Medical Center (\$3,000) and Wal-Mart (\$10,000). Additionally, Centipatico Integrated Care's (now Arizona Complete Health) support has also been vital, providing an in-kind contribution (\$58,000) for dedicated staff time. El Rio Community Health Center, Assurance Health, Caridad Community Kitchen are also partners in the Tucson Homeless Work Program. Old Pueblo Community Services (OPCS), under the leadership of Tom Litwicki, oversees the Tucson Homeless Work Program. OPCS coordinates the transportation and supervise the workers, provides financial oversight, handles all worker pay, maintains worker documentation, and conducts regular evaluation and quality management functions. With the success, the Tucson Homeless Work Program was expanded to a third day on July 1, 2017, going out to help assist and clean up at Pima Animal Control Center.

The Tucson Homeless Work Program was recognized by the Metropolitan Pima Alliance (MPA) for the program's success and the collaboration and partnership between the organizations, service providers, faith-based community, business and government involved with the program.

The NAHRO Agency Awards Program was created to give national recognition to the achievement and innovation of NAHRO agency/organizational members throughout the country; to provide additional opportunities to inform the public of the best in housing and community development; and to create a resource bank of information on significant, innovative activities performed by housing and redevelopment agencies and community development departments. The Tucson Homeless Work Program received the NAHRO Award of Merit on Saturday, July 28, at the NAHRO's Summer Conference being held in San Francisco, California.



On Tuesday, August 21, the Chamberlain Group had their ribbon cutting of their new manufacturing and distribution facility at 2801 East Commerce Place in Ward 5. This was a \$30 million dollar construction project that has created 385 jobs. Congratulations to Chamberlain on their new facility and we look forward to working with you.

During the August 8 Mayor and Council meeting, the Mayor and Council voted to approve the annexation of the Tucson Airport and surrounding land into Ward 5 and the City of Tucson. This annexation was done and accomplished by City staff, the Tucson Airport Authority and the Airlines and businesses in and around the airport. This annexation will bring additional sales tax and other revenue to the City of Tucson.

On Tuesday, August 21, the Tucson Airport Authority announced that Allegiant Airlines will be the newest airline to fly to and from Tucson Airport. I want to welcome Allegiant to the Tucson Airport, which is now in Ward 5 and to our community. I want to congratulate Bonnie Allin and the Tucson Airport Authority on their work to bring in another airline for our airport. Denver-based Frontier Airlines announced earlier this month that it would launch non-stop service from Tucson Airport to Denver International Airport starting in November.

On Thursday, August 30, 5 to 6:30 pm, the Metropolitan Education Commission (MEC) held their open house of their new offices, located in the Santa Rosa Recreation Center, 1080 South 10th Avenue in Ward 5. I want to welcome MEC to Ward 5 and look forward to working with them to get more South side students involved in their programs and efforts. My office was key in helping them to relocate and continue providing services in Ward 5.



On Thursday, September 20, Mayor Rothschild and Councilmember Scott joined me for the groundbreaking of the new GEICO Regional Office located at the Bridges in my Ward, another chapter of the Renaissance of Ward 5 and the South side.

In his remarks GEICO President and CEO Bill Roberts said the completion date for the new office will be May 28, 2019. GEICO will have 2,100 employees at the new facility and will be expanding their workforce by an additional 700 people. I want to thank the four neighborhoods: Pueblo Gardens, Las Vistas, Western Hills and South Park for their work, Retail West and the U of A for their efforts and the Bourne Company for making this a reality.



On Friday, September 14, I took part in the 2018 Safe Walk to School at Los Amigos Elementary. I want to thank the students, parents, teachers and Los Amigos staff who made the walk a success. Here is the list of names of all involved with the Safe Walk to School:

Tucson Police Department: Sgt. Mike Allen, LPO Mike Molina, Ofc. Dave Scherzinger, Ofc. William Honomichl, Ofc. Alberto Moreno. Pima County Sheriff: Deputy James Allerton, Tara Barerra. City of Tucson Bike & Pedestrian Program: Krista Hansen. Walmart Neighborhood Market: Jose Vargas (Store Manager), Maria Hardy (Asst. Store Manager). Arizona Health Zone: Marissa Sanchez. Living Streets Alliance:



Colby Henley, Vanessa Cascio. Sunnyside Unified School District: Victor Mercado, Board Members Beki Quintero and Eva Dong Carillo. Los Amigos Teachers & Staff: Jennifer Flores, Mo Burrue, Norma Moreno, Melissa Soto, Katie Larter, Victor Rodriguez, Katelyn Sweeney, Elizabeth Becerra, Roxana Lamadrid, Donna DeWaay, Aaron Buckley, Stacie De La Vega, Hilaria Courtright, Jessica Grim, Heather Morgan, Carla Fontes, Elizabeth Flores, Principal Valerie Sandoval, Alberto Pacheco, Ramon Garate. Everyone will be recognized at an upcoming Sunnyside School Board Meeting for this effort. I presented Certificates of Appreciation from my office and the Sunnyside School Board recognized those involved for their work.

On Saturday September 22, I represented the City of Tucson at the 40th Anniversary of Federal Recognition of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe. Congratulations to Pascua Yaqui Chairman Robert Valencia and the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Council and the Pascua Yaqui Tribe.



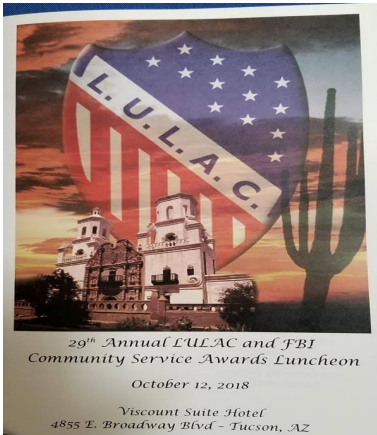
On Saturday, September 22, I had the privilege of speaking and reading the City Proclamation for the Fiestas Patrias Community Appreciation Festival that was held at 5401 S. Park.

I want to thank Anthony Crespo and South Lawn for organizing the event and Mariachi Milagro for performing. It was also great to see Ward 5 residents out for the festival.



The Women in Government Awards Luncheon took place Friday, September 21 at the TCC Copper Ballroom. Hosted by the City of Tucson and Pima County, this event honors women who work in government and their commitment to public service.

Congratulations to Lupita Robles and Mary Kuchar from my office for being honored and recognized for their work and efforts.



On Friday, October 12, the 29th Annual LULAC – FBI Community Service Awards luncheon was held at the Viscount Suites Hotel. People from the community were recognized by LULAC and the FBI for their work to make people's lives better and make our community a better place to live, work and raise a family. I want to congratulate the FBI-LULAC Community Service Award Honorees:

Eric G. Cornidez, MD, Jesus Licon, Naomi Proaño, Peter Yucupicio, Terry Nierzwicki, Jerry Neely, Rick Saldate, Sam Credio, Juan Tadeo, Annabelle Tadeo, Alvira "Vera" Gallego, Odessa Draheim, Cassandra Becerra, Tom Litwicki, Adrian Bracamonte, Marcos Vazquez, Gilbert Maldonado, Carla Bernal, Jose Sanchez, Steve Herran, Mike Hayes, Manny Mendez, Albert Bracamonte, Lynn Marie Jarzombek, Robert K. Golder, Larry Vanhorn, Ryan J. Hickey, Steven C.

Speri, Larry Rios Lopez, Joseph Morgan, Michael B. Ford, Elizabeth Hoover, Akanni Oyegbola, Vanessa Abigail Cardenas, Manuel Amado, Teresa Leyba Ruiz, Ed.D., Christian Albournas, Micaela Mireles, Claudia Arevalo, Sergio Acosta, Rickyana Estrada, Richard Estrada, Martin Moreno, Zarco and Carmen Guerrero, Pam Park, Ivonne Ramirez, Rudy Mendez, Curtis Brad McCormick, Vaughn Croft,

Melissa Acuna, American Patriot Memorial, Paul Appleby, Justin Argraves, Arizona Bilingual Magazine, Jesus Arvizu, Mike Baker, Victoria Barajas, Danielle Bautista, Arlene Benavides, Cindy M. Benavides, Thomas Boyle, Bruce Burke, Veronica Castro Vega, Cenpatico, Paul Cicala, City of Tucson Ward 5, Community Partners, Inc., COPE Community Services, Inc., Juan Carlos De La Torre, Jennifer Dillon, Dan Eckstrom, Erika Elias, Brian Eller, Maria Federico-Brummer, Richard M. Fimbres, Alma Gallardo,



David Garcia, Domingo Garcia, Rosie Garcia, Victoria Gonzalez, Shawn Graham, Hensley Beverage Company, Vanessa Hernandez, Javier Herrera, Louis Hollingsworth, Steve Holmes, HSL Properties, Melvin & Clarissa Johnson, George Kalil, Mark Kerr, Mary Kuchar, Barbara Lawall, Linda Leatherman, Abel Leon, Roxanna Lucero, Marshall Foundation, Teri Martinez-Avalos, Monique Martinez-Quiros, Curtis Brad McCormick, Rafael Meza, John Mireles, Raul Munoz, Ed Nossem, Rene Pacheco, Laura Pastor, Pima Community College,

Raul Pina, Ronnie Reyna, Gilbert Rico, Lupita Robles, Jesus A. Rodriguez, Tracey Smalling, Joe Soto, Gabriel Trujillo, Maria Vianey Valdez-Cardenas, Visit Tucson Walgreens District Office, June Webb-Vignery, Jennifer Wellborn, Dustin Williams and Alma Yubeta.

I want to thank Michael Deleon, Special Agent for the FBI in Arizona for again being part of this event, his speech and for the FBI's participation again to help honor those in our community. I also want to thank the organizing committee for the Community Service Awards for their work on making this another successful event. I also want to congratulate everyone honored for their work in our community.

At the October 9, Mayor and Council meeting, the City of Tucson received a Procurement (P-Card) rebate check of \$1,160,420.64 from Bank of America. The P-Card program is where the City uses the P-Card to purchase goods and services. It is not spending more money but spending what money the City has smarter. In 2011, I brought the P-Card program forward to Mayor and Council and have had updates on the P-Card to ensure its usage instead of an invoice. In 2011, the City was getting a little more than \$20,000 back in rebate for their P-Card program and they were not using it to its fullest potential.

This work on the P-Card program for the City of Tucson has taken seven years by my office and city staff. Updates, reports, changing software and financial institutions followed but this program, through my work, continued to be used more, saving taxpayer dollars and generating a revenue stream.

Why is this important? Under the invoice system, involving accounts payable, receivable, invoice, cutting a check and mailing it, costs \$98 in staff time per each transaction.

With the P-Card system, that tracks purchases and pays electronically, the cost per staff time is \$20 per each transaction, saving \$78 per transaction. All transactions are tracked and can be accounted for under the P-Card program. The City had more than 70,000 transactions last year, saving more than \$5.5 million in this past fiscal year. With the savings and the rebate, the City made utilized \$6.6 million. In the prior three years, the City received more than \$800,000 on average in rebate and saved on average, \$4.75 million in transaction charges.



I want to thank City staff, Pete Saxton, Laura Jestings and Marie Sena, for their work on this and Mark Kerr my Chief of Staff, for his work on the P-Card program. I want to thank my colleagues on the Council for their support of the P-Card program.

During my time as your Ward 5 Councilmember, I have gone out to the Southern Arizona VA Hospital to present thank you cards to the Veterans at the hospital and the Veterans on staff.

This has grown from three schools for the first event eight years ago to 33. It was my pleasure on Friday, November 9, to lead a cadre of elected officials and representatives to the VA and present more than 4,700 thank you cards and letters to veterans at the Hospital, made by school children from Tucson and Pima County from 27 schools:

Bonillas Magnet School, Booth Fickett Magnet School, C. E. Rose K8 School, Carrillo Magnet School, Cragin Elementary, Davidson Elementary, Drachman Montessori K-8 School, Drexel Elementary, Esperanza Elementary, Gallego Intermediate, Gallego Primary Fine Arts School, Holladay Magnet Elementary School, Lauffer Middle School, McCorkle Academy, Mexicayotl Academy, Mission View Elementary, Ocotillo Learning Center, Our Mother of Sorrows, Pistor Middle School, Pueblo Gardens K-8 School, Robison Elementary, Santa Clara Elementary, Santa Cruz Catholic School, St. Joseph Catholic School, St. Cyril's Catholic School, Tully Elementary School and Utterback Middle School.



For this event, the following people joined me at the Southern Arizona V.A. Hospital to hand out thank you cards and letters: Toni Hellon - Clerk of Pima County Superior Court, Greg DeMeritt - Clerk of Pima County Superior Court, Chief Deputy, Tom Boyle - American Patriot Memorial, Ted Prezelski-Ward 2, Council Aide, Angela Reyes - Ward 2, Constituent Services, Bob Teso - Mayor of South Tucson, Herman Lopez - Vice Mayor of South Tucson. I especially want to thank the school children and the teachers who take the time to make these thank you cards and letters each Veterans Day and Memorial Day, to thank those Veterans at the VA. I also want to thank my staff for coordinating this event again. Arizona Veterans Home Ceremony



On Monday, November 12, I was again honored to represent the City of Tucson and to take part in the 99th Annual Tucson Veterans Day Parade. More than 100 entries took part in this year's parade.

I want to thank the organizers, Veterans organizations who took part, the parade sponsors who make our City's tribute to our veterans happen.





I want to thank the Downtown Tucson Partnership for giving me the opportunity to participate in the 2018 Parade of Lights which took place Saturday, December 15.

Mayor Rothschild, Councilmembers Paul Cunningham, Steve Kozachik, Paul Durham and Regina Romero joined me in the parade.

I want to thank all the individuals and organizations that took part in the parade, as well as the

great crowds of Tucsonans who came out to see the parade.

On Saturday, December 15, I had the privilege of attending the Christmas Holiday event at the Quincie Douglas Center. It was great to see people from the surrounding neighborhoods enjoying the event that was organized by Jerry Neely, the Director of the Quincie Douglas Center and the Center staff. Jerry honored people and organizations that work with the Quincie Douglas Center to help those in the surrounding neighborhoods.



A record total of 832 food boxes were distributed Saturday morning, December 15 from the Firefighter's Hall for their Christmas Food Box effort.

Councilmember Shirley Scott joined me to help with the distribution of the food boxes.

Congratulations to Josh Campbell and the Tucson Firefighters Association, Marian Benedetto with PALF and the other groups and organizations that took part. More than 1,500 food boxes were distributed by the Firefighters over Thanksgiving and Christmas.



I want to congratulate Ward 1 aide Natalia Untiveros, Tucson High Football coach, Justin Argraves and the other awardees for being named for the 40 Under 40 for 2018, held Tuesday, December 4, at the Pima Air and Space Museum in Ward 5. It was my pleasure to attend the ceremony to represent the City of Tucson.

The City of Tucson will be adding services to its Brush & Bulky Collection Program to help make our City and neighborhoods cleaner, more attractive and safer — Brush & Bulky PLUS.

La Ciudad de Tucson próximamente agregará servicios al Programa de Recolección Brush & Bulky para contribuir en hacer mas limpia, mas atractiva y mas segura nuestra Ciudad y sus vecindades — Brush & Bulky PLUS

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- **Clean-up of illegal dumping** | *Limpieza de basureros ilegales*
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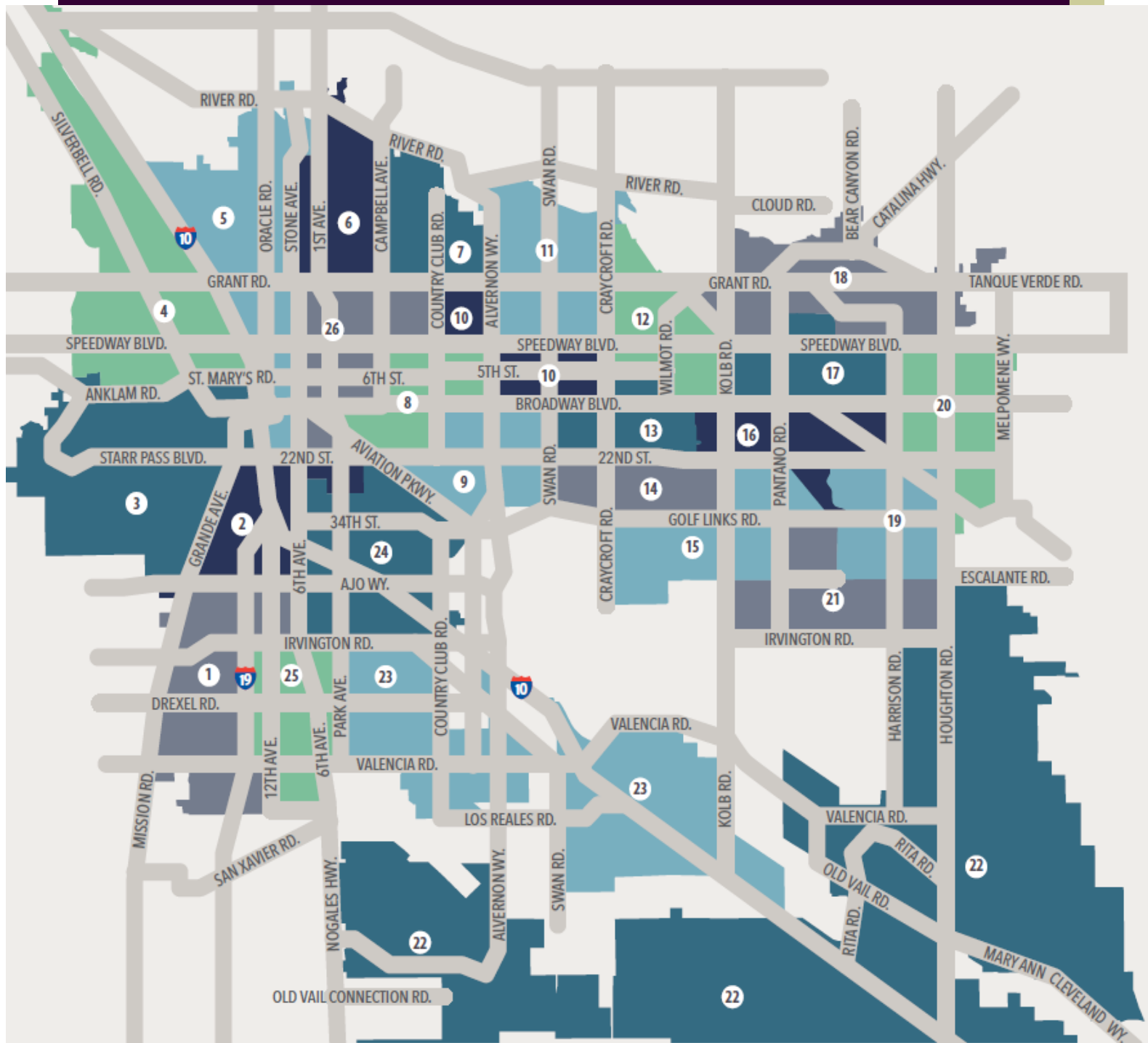
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6	01/07/19	07/01/19
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8	01/21/19	07/22/19
12	01/28/19	07/29/19
10	02/04/19	08/05/19

AREA	CYCLE 1	CYCLE 2
11	02/11/19	08/12/19
9	02/18/19	08/19/19
26	02/25/19	09/02/19
1	03/04/19	08/26/19
2	03/11/19	09/09/19
3	03/18/19	09/16/19

AREA	CYCLE 1	CYCLE 2
4	03/25/19	09/23/19
22	04/01/19	09/30/19
23	04/08/19	10/07/19
24	04/15/19	10/14/19
25	04/22/19	10/21/19
21	04/29/19	10/28/19
13	05/06/19	11/04/19

AREA	CYCLE 1	CYCLE 2
14	05/13/19	11/11/19
15	05/20/19	11/25/19
16	05/27/19	11/18/19
17	06/03/19	12/02/19
18	06/10/19	12/09/19
19	06/17/19	12/16/19
20	06/24/19	12/23/19

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January Neighborhood Meetings

Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association - Thursday, January 3 at 6:00 pm at Ward 5 Council Office, 4300 S. Park Avenue.

South Park Neighborhood Association - Monday, January 7 at 6:00 pm, Quincie Douglas Center, 1575 E. 36th St.

Campus Community Relations Committee (CCRC) - Tuesday, January 8 at 6:00 pm, Student Union Memorial Center, Ventana Room, 4th Floor, 1303 E. University Blvd.

Mortimore Neighborhood Association – Wednesday, January 9 at 7:00 pm at Jesus Reigns Christian Fellowship, 5337 S. Palo Verde.

Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood Association - Tuesday, January 15 at 6:30 pm Holmes Tuttle Boys & Girls Club, 2585 E. 36th Street.

SNAPP (Southside Neighborhood Assn. Presidential Partnership) – Thursday, January 17 at 6:00 pm at Ward 5 Council Office, 4300 S. Park Avenue.

Sunnyside Neighborhood Association – Sunnyside Neighborhood Association – Monday, January 21 at 6:30 pm at Valencia Library, 202 W. Valencia Rd.

Barrio Santa Rosa Neighborhood Association - Monday, January 28 at 6:00 pm, Santa Rosa Library, 1075 S. 10th Avenue.

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DIAL 911

Permits

Planning and Development Services Department
791-5550

Housing Assistance

City of Tucson Community Services Department
791-4739

Tucson Convention Center

791-4101

City of Tucson Code Enforcement

791-5843

TPD Red Tag Unit

837-7318

Graffiti Removal

792-CITY (2489)

TPD Non Emergency

791-4444

Trash Pick Up & Environmental Services

City of Tucson Environmental Services Department
791-3171

Transportation & Street Maintenance

Tucson Department of Transportation
791-3154

Tucson Water Department

Billing - 791-3242, Public Information - 791-4331

Park Tucson

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724-5900

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